

**Shared Facility:** 65,000 sq. ft.  
**Community Center:** 41,000 sq. ft.  
**Library:** 19,000 sq. ft.

**Building budget:** \$26,160,000  
**Public art budget:** \$415,000  
**Budget source:** Nov. 2000  
 Library & Parks Bond

**Project Started:** May 2004  
**Project Completed:** April 2006



**6445 Camden Avenue, San José, CA 95120**

**Library: (408) 808-8040 • Community Center: (408) 268-1133**

**Library Mgr.: Pam Crider • Acting Community Center Mgr.: Cathy Noonan**

**Highlights of the new facility's library wing** include a Community Living Room with a fireplace, Technology Lab, Group and Quiet Study Areas, and a Program Room that will accommodate 58 persons, as well as significantly more space for seating, collections and computers. Separate areas for study and quiet reflection were noticeably lacking in the previous facility, so their inclusion will be a welcome addition for many residents. Almaden Library will be the first new library in San José to open with free WiFi access. Taken together with an increase from 6 to 25 Internet-capable computer workstations, the capability for free public access to the Web is virtually limitless.

**The community center's two wings** feature an Aerobic/Dance Studio, Tiny Town preschool activity rooms, a Gymnasium and Fitness Center, and a Cooking Classroom. It also houses a Computer Lab, Game Room, four classrooms, a Conference Room and an area for Neighborhood Service Providers, such as the Older Adult Resource Program, Senior Adult Legal Assistance, the RSVP Tax Program, and the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program. The shared Community Room with kitchen can accommodate up to 500 persons and is available for rental. There will be 164 parking spaces to serve customers of the joint facility.

**Public art at the new library and community center** features artwork by artists selected by the community including *Spectral Cloud* by Ray King, comprised of hundreds of dichroic glass prisms suspended from the ceiling in the main lobby; *Almaden Valley*, a pair of WPA-style murals by Evans & Brown depicting imagery from the region's agrarian past, and an additional mural by Evans & Brown entitled *Enchanted Forest* overlooking the children's library area. Two additional works will be installed during the summer: *Ohlone Woman*, a bronze sculpture by Lisa Reinertson will be placed in the courtyard; and an exterior sculptural seating element by art students from the Academy of Art University, created to honor the work of Doris Dillon.

The City of San José acknowledges and appreciates the generosity of numerous individuals and organizations that have supported the opening of the new Almaden Valley Library and Community Center with their contributions.

#### **LIBRARY**

##### **Major Founding Donors**

Almaden Business Association *for* Children's Storytime Area  
 Almaden Valley Women's Club *for* Circulation / Self-Checkout Area  
 Assistance League of San Jose *for* Teen Center  
 Brandenburg Family Foundation *for* Program Room  
 Friends of the Almaden Library *for* Friends' Book Alcove  
 Robin Beresford and Robert Garner *for* Group Study Room  
 Taiwanese Americans *for* Quiet Study Room

##### **Laureate Donors**


Almaden Country School  
 Chioumin & Teresa Chang  
 Iranian-American Community

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Trimberger Family Foundation  
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 Almaden Senior Association  
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 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
 SeniorNet Learning Center of Almaden  
 Almaden Youth Council  
 Almaden's Valley Women's Club.

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## FEATURES

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| <p><b>Community Center – Current (35,485 usable sq. ft.)</b></p> <p>Conference room<br/> Four classrooms<br/> Tiny Town with three classrooms<br/> 6,955 sq. ft. gymnasium<br/> 1,974 sq. ft. dance/aerobics studio<br/> 3,951 sq. ft. community room with kitchen—<br/> occupancy capacity of 564 people<br/> 715 sq. ft. game room<br/> 836 sq. ft. cooking classroom<br/> 935 sq. ft. fitness center<br/> 978 sq. ft. computer lab with up to 34 computers</p> | <p><b>Community Center – Former (3,323 sq. ft.)</b></p> <p>Multi-Purpose Room<br/> Two classrooms<br/> None<br/> None<br/> None<br/> Approximately 1,100 sq. ft. community room<br/> with kitchen—occupancy capacity of 150 people<br/> None<br/> None<br/> None<br/> Computer lab with 12 computers</p>  |                       |                     |                        |                     |                        |   |                              |                       |                      |                       |          |                       |        |   |
| <p><b>Library – Current (18,999 usable sq. ft.)</b></p> <p>Computers - 29<br/> Doris Dillon Children's Library<br/> Storytelling Area seating capacity: 38<br/> Tech center with 13 computers<br/> Quiet study room seating capacity: 12<br/> Group study room seating capacity: 6<br/> Teen room with 3 computers<br/> Living room with fireplace<br/> Program room seating capacity: 69<br/> Free WiFi Access</p>   | <p><b>Library – Former (10,715 sq. ft.)</b></p> <p>Computers - 10<br/> Not designated<br/> None<br/> None<br/> None<br/> None<br/> None<br/> None<br/> Program room seating capacity: 53<br/> None</p>  |                       |                     |                        |                     |                        |   |                              |                       |                      |                       |          |                       |        |   |
| <p><b>Shared Space – Current</b></p> <p>Neighborhood Service Center—one large common room<br/> and three adjoining privacy rooms<br/> Courtyard<br/> Parking spaces - 164</p>   | <p><b>Shared Space – Former</b></p> <p>No designed shared space<br/> <br/> Courtyard<br/> Parking spaces/combined total - 78</p>  |                       |                     |                        |                     |                        |   |                              |                       |                      |                       |          |                       |        |   |
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| <p><b>Architect:</b><br/> Field Paoli Architects</p> <p><b>General contractor:</b><br/> West Bay Builders of Novato</p> <p><b>Landscaper:</b><br/> David Gates and Associates</p> <p><b>Project manager:</b><br/> Donald R. De Wald</p> <p><b>Public artists:</b><br/> Evans &amp; Brown, Ray King and Lisa Reinerston</p>  | <p><b>Department Media Contacts:</b></p> <p>Department of Parks, Recreation<br/> &amp; Neighborhood Services –<br/> Brian Clappitt, (408) 793.4188</p> <p>Office of Cultural Affairs, Public Art<br/> Program –<br/> Lynn Rogers, (408) 277-5144 ext. 15</p> <p>San José Public Library<br/> Lorraine Oback, (408) 808-2176</p>  |                       |                     |                        |                     |                        |   |                              |                       |                      |                       |          |                       |        |   |